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Comments: Hello,

I'd like to comment on the project to expand services at Holland Lake featuring a high end lodge. I am very opposed to any of the proposed expansion at this location. Holland Lake is already one of the busier spots in the Seeley-Swan valley, with the structures already there, and the wonderful public access being the lake access and the main trailheads. Part of the attraction of the Seeley Swan valley is the rustic, wild feeling of staying in a place that is not completely civilized. Holland Lake, being one of the most beautiful lakes in the valley, does not deserve for its wild character to be compromised any more. There shouldn't be a need for a shiny new lodge, at the sacrifice of the integrity of the valley.

The increased traffic for this lodge would affect wildlife habitat and movement. As stated in the proposal, this would increase visitor volume by three times the current amount. Having more people on the lake would also be detrimental to any sort of Loon nesting capabilities on the shoreline in the future. Grizzly bear and elk activity will be affected by a tripling of human visitor activity. We must consider these affects on wildlife not only during the construction phases, but the long term affect of increased traffic due to a high end resort lodge.

We've seen this before in Montana, an out of state corporation that has no interest in preserving the natural integrity of our beautiful landscapes. They are out to make as much money as they can, plain and simple. They see Holland Lake as an opportunity to exploit the area.

I ask that this proposal be rejected, thank you for your time.